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## TELEGRAMS.

### THE AUSTRIAN EMPEROR'S DEATH.

Berlin Indifferent at the News

[Reuter's Service to The "Telegraph."]

November 22, 1.15 p.m.  
According to Reuter's correspondent at Amsterdam, a Berlin telegram says that the death of the Emperor Francis Joseph was expected and the news was received with indifference, as he was never popular in Berlin.  
Much is expected of his successor, who is described as a pro-German and as a tool in the hands of his German advisers.

The Monarch's Last Moments.

November 22, 1.15 p.m.  
The Emperor Francis Joseph was feverish yesterday morning and was assisted to his bedroom by the Grand Duchess Valeria. He was unable to sleep and complained of pains. He also asked for the doctors to be summoned. The patient made a gesture to the doctor at 9.20 a.m., pointing to his throat, and died a second later. The Imperial family then summoned the Kaiser, who was informed by telephone direct between the Palace and the German Headquarters.

### FALSE CHARGES AGAINST GREEK DEPUTY.

November 22, 1.15 p.m.  
According to Reuter's correspondent at Athens, it is officially announced that the charges against the Deputy, M. Callimastotis, mentioned on November 9, have proved false, the inordinating letters being the work of a forger who has confessed.  
[The charge arose out of the seizure by the Allies at M. Callimastotis' house of correspondence which appeared to show that accused coaled the Goeben and Breslau, enabling them to reach the Dardanelles].

### THE SUBMARINE CAMPAIGN.

Greek Steamer's Mails Seized.

November 22, 1.15 p.m.  
According to Reuter's correspondent at Marseilles, a submarine stopped the Greek steamer Elysios when making for Marseilles. The commander ordered the captain to throw the cargo overboard, and then seized the mail bags.

More Neutral Vessels Sunk.

November 22, 6.45 a.m.  
The following vessels have been sunk:—The Joachim Brinkland (Swedish), the Finn and Parana (Norwegian) and the Dolpa (Danish).

### MORE SOLDIERS FROM FRANCE.

An Inter-Allied Army Suggested.

November 22, 1.15 p.m.  
Reuter's correspondent at Paris says the Chamber has concluded a secret sitting regarding the Bill for the calling up of the 1918 class, which it has finally been decided to re-examine medically.  
It is understood that the question of the creation of an inter-Allied army is being considered.

### THE HOSPITAL SHIP BRITANNIC.

Sunk by Mine or Torpedo.

November 22, 5.15 p.m.  
The Admiralty announces that the hospital ship Britannic was sunk by a mine or torpedo on November 21 in the Aegean Sea. There are 1,106 survivors, 23 of which are injured.  
It is estimated that 50 lives have been lost.  
[The Britannic was one of the largest vessels afloat. She was a triple-screw turbine steamer of 47,500 tons gross tonnage, and her dimensions were:—Length, 352 feet; breadth, 94 feet; depth 59 feet. She was built by Messrs. Harland and Wolff in 1914 for the White Star Line.]

### ENEMY MINISTERS IN GREECE.

Another Reason.

November 22, 6.45 a.m.  
A message from Athens says that apart from espionage, one of the reasons for the expulsion of the enemy Ministers was a statement by the German Minister that vessels taking Nationalists to Salonica would be torpedoed. This is regarded as a declaration of war against the pro-ally section of Greece.

Why They are Being Removed.

November 22, 2.55 p.m.  
According to Reuter's correspondent at Athens, the Austrian, German, Turkish and Bulgarian Ministers, and the whole of the staffs of the Legations, will be conveyed to-day aboard a steamer which will land them at Dedeaqsch. Admiral Fournet has notified them of their intended removal, charging the personnel with espionage detrimental to the Allies.  
The Greek Government has protested, and the Minister of Justice has resigned.

### GOVERNMENT SERVANTS BEING CALLED UP.

November 22, 6.45 a.m.  
It is understood that His Majesty the King has ordered every eligible bachelor employed in His Majesty's establishments to report immediately to the military authorities.

### HERR VON JAGOW'S NEW POST.

November 22, 6.45 a.m.  
The Berlin correspondent of the "Telegraph" writes that Herr von Jagow, Minister of Foreign Affairs, is to be succeeded by Herr Zimmermann.

## TELEGRAMS.

### IN THE BALKANS.

Enemy's Strong Resistance.

[Reuter's Service to The "Telegraph."]

November 22, 4.10 p.m.  
A French communiqué states:—A thick fog in the region of Monastir has hindered operations.  
The enemy is strongly resisting on a line of heights from Sasgovo, four kilometres north of Monastir, to Hill 1050, south-west of Makovo. We have taken 500 more prisoners.  
Our troops on the west bank of Lake Prespa are continuing their advance northward.

The Dangerous Faction.

November 22, 6.10 p.m.  
A Petrograd message says it is pointed out that General von Falkenhayn's success is confined to the least important front, namely the Rumanian left. The dangerous section is Eastern Wallachia, where victory would give the enemy the whole of West Rumania, including Bakharest, but here the enemy attacks are being steadily repulsed. Presently it will be most difficult for General von Falkenhayn to advance eastwards owing to the hundreds of mountain streams intersecting the country north and south.

### CONSCRIPTION.

Australia Rejects It.

November 22, 6.10 p.m.  
According to Reuter's correspondent at Melbourne, the final conscription referendum figures are:—  
Yes 1,035,000  
No 1,146,000

### THE ALLIED OFFENSIVE.

New British Front Shelled.

November 22, 12.50 p.m.  
General Sir Douglas Haig reports that the British has been engaged in artillery firing against the right of the new British front south of the Ancre.

### GERMANY AND NORWAY.

A Crisis Threatened.

November 22, 12.50 p.m.  
According to a message from Stockholm, the *Dagbladet* is of opinion that everything points to a Teutonic-Norwegian crisis. The journal says:—Sweden, remembering the tragedy of 1859, certainly will not follow Norway in her policy of adventure.

### PRUSSIAN POLES GIVE TROUBLE.

November 22, 12.50 p.m.  
Reuter's correspondent at Amsterdam says the German newspapers generally are shocked at "the ungrateful and irreconcilable attitude of the Prussian Poles," as evidenced by their hope of incorporation in the future Kingdom of Poland.  
The *Kölnische Zeitung* writes: Prussian Poles of this consequence of continued hostility towards Prussia.

### JAPANESE STEAMERS FOR SALE.

November 22, 6.45 a.m.  
The *Times* says new Japanese steamers are now being offered on the London market, but British owners are not disposed to pay £40 per ton, which is demanded, and which is five times the previous price.  
[In the event of telegrams arriving too late for insertion on this page they will be found on an Extra.]

## EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

### ENEMY DIPLOMATISTS LEAVING GREECE.

November 21, 9.50 p.m.  
Reuter's correspondent at Athens states that the enemy diplomatists' request to be allowed to postpone their departure was refused. All will leave to-morrow.

### GERMAN FOREIGN MINISTER RESIGNS.

November 22, 2.15 a.m.  
According to Reuter's correspondent at Amsterdam it is officially announced from Berlin that the German Foreign Minister, Herr von Jagow, has resigned for reasons of health.  
He will probably be succeeded by the Under-Secretary, Herr Zimmermann.

### GERMAN OPPRESSION IN POLAND.

November 22, 4.00 a.m.  
World-wide horror is expressed at the German proceedings in Belgium and Poland for the purpose of increasing their dwindling reserves. Even the American pacifist organs are disgusted at the monstrous oppression.  
It is pointed out that Germany is becoming a slave state only paralleled by ancient Babylon, Egypt and Rome. Nothing modern is comparable except the raiding of African villages by Arab slave traders.  
The British press supports Lord Robert Cecil in declaring that the only remedy for the belligerents is to redouble their efforts to rid the world of tyranny.

Reuter's correspondent at Berlin states that the bulk of the German population of Poland are being driven out of their homes and are being sent to Germany. The German Government is reported to be planning to deport the Polish population of the Baltic provinces to Germany.

## TELEGRAMS.

### THE RUMANIAN POSITION.

[Reuter's Service to The "Telegraph."]

November 22, 5.25 a.m.  
The latest Rumanian communiqué is that of 18th inst., hence the occupation of Craiova is not confirmed in it, but the Russian report that the Rumanians were retiring from Filina showed that the enemy was advancing with remarkable speed on the Rumanian plain.  
It was only on 16th inst. that the Rumanians mentioned the retirement from Turguia, sixty miles north-west of Craiova. Since the battle of Turguia nothing has been heard of serious fighting.  
Simultaneously the Rumanians are fighting obstinately while retiring in the Aluta valley eastwards, but the enemy here is slower, and has not covered half the distance from the frontier to the main railway.  
There has been no news of the withdrawal of the Rumanian army from Orsova since the beginning of the enemy's southward drive. If it has not withdrawn it now lacks railway communications.  
It is reported that King Ferdinand of Bulgaria has arrived at Constantza.

### EMPEROR OF AUSTRIA'S DEATH.

November 22.  
According to Reuter's correspondent at Amsterdam a Vienna bulletin states that the Emperor Francis Joseph has become worse. The inflammation of the lung has increased and his temperature is 103. His vitality is lowered.

November 22, 4.25 a.m.  
The Emperor Francis Joseph is dead.

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Reuter's correspondent at Amsterdam advises that the Emperor Francis Joseph died at 9 p.m. on Tuesday at Schoenbrunn Castle.

[The late Emperor Francis Joseph was born on August 18, 1830, and succeeded as Emperor of Austria on December 2, 1848. He was crowned King of Hungary at Buda on June 8, 1867. In 1864 he married Elizabeth, daughter of Maximilian Joseph, Duke of Bavaria (born December 24, 1837, and assassinated in Geneva on September 10, 1898), there being two daughters by the marriage. The heir presumptive is the Archduke Charles Francis Joseph, nephew of the deceased monarch and son of the late Archduke Otto Francis Joseph, who was born on August 17, 1887.]

## A NEW CHINESE NEWSPAPER.

The "Hsin Shun Pao"

Early next week, says the *N. C. Daily News* of November 17, an addition will be made to the field of Chinese newspapers in Shanghai, with the appearance of the *Hsin Shun Pao*. It will be published by the Hsin Shun Pao Co., Ltd., incorporated under Hongkong Companies Ordinance, and will be the only Chinese paper under British registry. The new company, which was incorporated in August last, has been subscribed to entirely by British and Chinese capital, and the primary object of the new publication is to further British interests in China and to present to the Chinese reading public British views in general, although it will be in no sense a British organ.

The nominal capital of the new enterprise is £100,000; £15,000 in ordinary shares and £15,000 in seven per cent. preferred shares for three years, after which they become ordinary shares. The board of directors are:—Mr. E. C. Pearce, Mr. B. N. Truman, Mr. J. Hays, Mr. Lo Foe Pa-hong, manager of the Chung Wah Book Co. and Mr. Chu Pao-san, chairman of the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce. The manager and editor will be Mr. Shih Tse-hai, who for a number of years was prominently connected with the *Hsin Shun Pao*, one of China's largest Chinese dailies. Messrs. G. H. and N. Thompson are secretaries for the company.

## BRITISH GENERAL KILLED.

Former Chief of Staff at Salonica.

It is announced that Brigadier-General Philip Howell, C.M.G., has been killed in action. He was formerly Chief of Staff at Salonica.

in the Service, whose death will be felt as a personal loss by those who were associated with him.

On more than one occasion he acted as special correspondent of the *Times*, and in February, 1913, he wrote a series of special articles upon "The Campaign in Thrace," based upon a visit to the Bulgarian battle-fields. In the Bulgarian Army and Balkan questions he took an almost passionate interest, and held strongly pro-Bulgarian views.

In the earlier stages of the present war he was promoted from the rank of major to that of lieutenant-colonel, and shortly afterwards to that of brigadier-general. Soon after the despatch of the Franco-British Expedition to Salonica, he was appointed Chief of Staff to the British Commander, General Sir Bryan Mahon, but was subsequently selected for a Staff appointment on the Western front.

Brigadier-General Howell, who was born in 1877, was the son of the late Lieutenant-Colonel Horace Howell. He entered the Indian Army in the Queen's Own Corps of Guides in 1897, and was promoted captain in 1903. He held several Staff appointments in India, and from 1909 to 1911 was a General Staff Officer at the War Office. Last year he was appointed brigadier-general, General Staff.

### Hankow Piece Goods Trade.

The weekly circular of the Hankow British Chamber of Commerce for November 8 comments as follows on the import piece goods market: The piece goods market continues good and we have to report very satisfactory clearances of both piece goods and yarn, although the heavy rains have interfered somewhat with business. Inquiries for spot cargo and for 10 lb. shillings "in specie" have been received. The heavy rise in exchange has affected prices somewhat, and some of the white and grey dyes have been sold at a profit.

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## TELEGRAMS.

### EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

SCOTS CLERICAL APPOINTMENT.

[Reuter's Service to The "Telegraph."]  
London, Received November 22.  
The committee of the United Free Church of Scotland have met at Edinburgh and have unanimously appointed Rev. D. MacKillop, Principal of the Wilson College, Bury, as Moderator-designate of the next General Assembly.

### LIFE IN BRUSSELS.

Foodstuffs Released.  
Among the passengers arriving by the mail boat from Flushing writes a Groningen correspondent of the *Daily Telegraph*, were several French women and children from Brussels, and one lady from Berlin. There was no one from Rahlbein. Twenty-five released British subjects were reported from Rahlbein on the 6th inst., but so far only two of them have arrived. The lady from Berlin was Mrs. F. Omer, who came from D-marsa in 1914 and went to Berlin for a "cure" for rheumatism.

With regard to the state of affairs in Brussels, one of the refugees gave me the following narrative:

There was no difficulty about our departure so far as the Germans were concerned. Life has been becoming much more tolerable during the last twelve months. We have put it down to the fact that the Germans know they are losing. I applied in January to be allowed to go, and I have just obtained permission. The German officials told me yesterday that negotiations are proceeding with a view to the transfer of all French women and children from Belgium to their own country through the medium of the Swiss Government. They are not permitting Belgians to leave.

Just now everything is going on all right. The theatres and cinemas are open, and the life is gay as before the war. There is a card system for food, all the people being placed on rations. There is an allowance of 300 grammes of potatoes per person per day, but sometimes you cannot get any, and no allowance is made for the black days. The bread allowance is 280 grammes a day, and butter—if you can get it—2 b. per week. Meat is not on the card system, and the butcher's price generally places it out of the question. Butter is 85 centimes ½ b.

Another French lady said: Eggs are 31, each, a heavy price for Belgium. The Germans have taken all the cloth and clothes and everything else they could take away. Last week they took all the 1916 from the Belgians' bicycles. They have also taken away all the oil and grease, even the grease used for the railway. Very little news ever reaches Brussels, and there are very few soldiers there now. Last week the Allies' airman came over, and the people went into the streets and cheered them, and we were punished by being ordered to remain indoors after eight p.m. for five days. All the people killed in Brussels owed their death to German shrapnel. Not one was killed by airmen. A slaughterhouse was set on fire the time before last when the airmen came, and the last time the powder magazine at Etterbeek was blown to pieces. They would not let us go within 8.0 yards of it afterwards.

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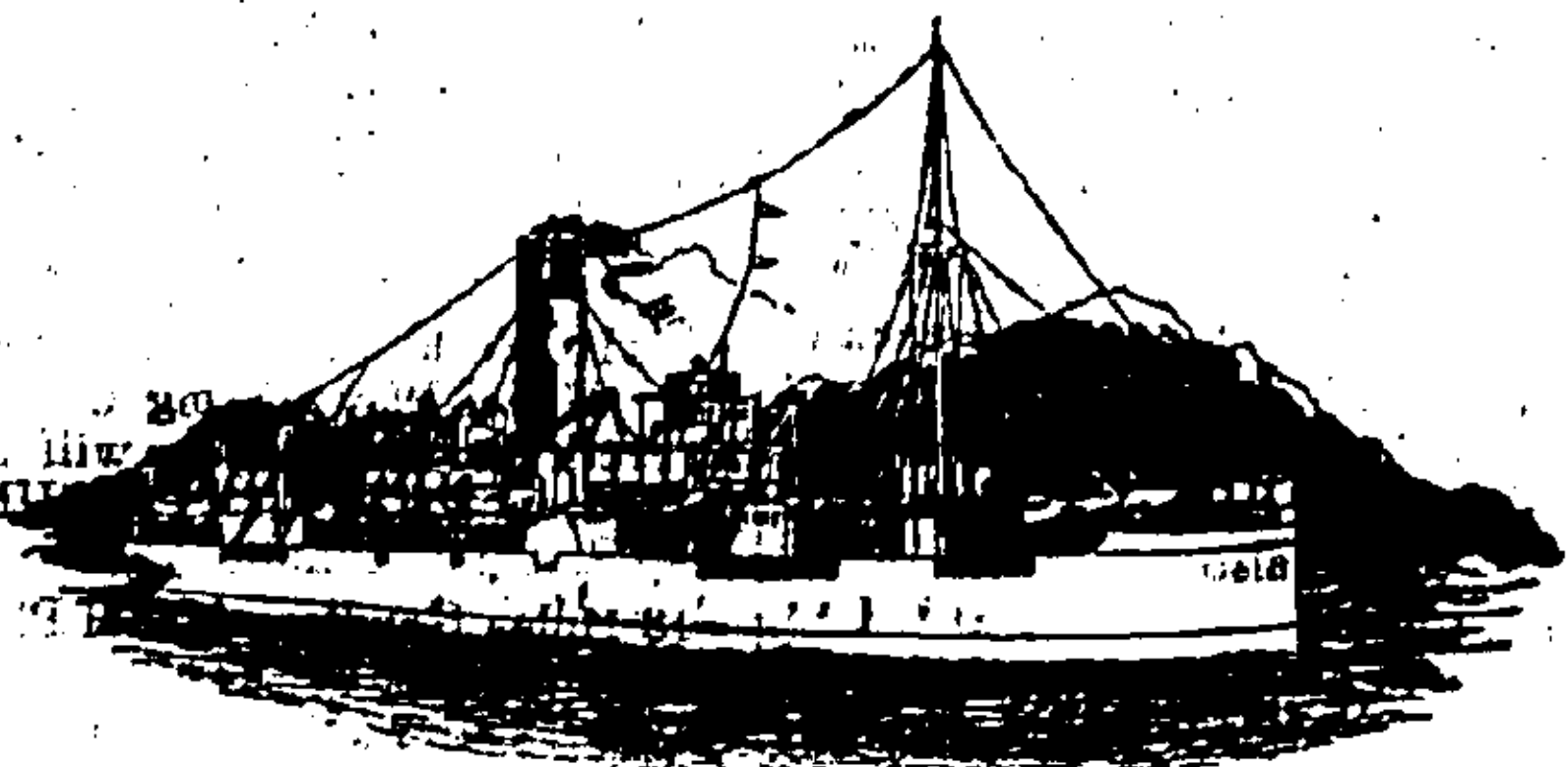
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is due to arrive at Hongkong on Nov. 24  
at a.m.

## ENGLISH MAIL.

The P. & O. S.S. NANKIN left Singa-  
pore for this port on the 1st inst.,  
at a.m., with the outward-bound mails,  
and is due to arrive at Hongkong at  
about 10 a.m.  
The P. & O. S.S. HONGKONG left Hong-  
kong for the 20th inst., at 10 a.m.,  
on Monday, the 20th inst.  
The P. & O. S.S. NANKIN which left  
Hongkong on the 24th September last,  
arrived in London on Monday, the 20th  
inst.

## AMERICAN MAIL.

The Pacific Mail S.S. ECUADOR left  
San Francisco for Hongkong via Honolulu  
and may be expected to arrive at Hong-  
kong, December 21, and will leave for  
San Francisco on the 30th at noon.

## AUSTRALIAN MAIL.

The P. & A. S.S. EASTERN left Sydney  
on the 15th Nov. for this port via Queen-  
land Ports and Manila and may be ex-  
pected to arrive here on or about 6th  
December.

## VESSELS IN PORT.

Steamers.

Wiley, Br. ss. 4,399, Rother, 4th Sept.—  
Vungro Bay, 6th Sept. Gen.—B. L.  
Hoogwan L. Br. ss. 1,060, Madam, 6th  
Nov.—Amoy, 4th Nov. Gen.—Chinese.  
Hopson, Br. ss. 1,359, Robertson, 12th  
Nov.—Hongkong, 9th Nov. Gen.—J. M.  
& Co.

Kaifong, Br. ss. 1,460, Macfarlane, 12th  
Nov.—Chingwangtao, 6th Nov. Gen.—  
D. & Co.

Sivimon, Br. ss. 900, Bridge, 15th Nov.—  
Manila, 11th Nov. Ballast—Order.  
Tosha, Br. ss. 2,394, Ozaki, 18th  
Nov.—Singapore, 7th Nov. Gen.—  
N. Y. K.

Derwen, Br. ss. 1,541, Jenkins, 19th Nov.—  
Saigon, 12th Nov. Rice—Obino &  
Gregory, Br. ss. 2,061, Ellis, 20th  
Nov.—Kobe, 12th Nov. Gen.—D. S.  
& Co.

Drum, Br. ss. 1,104, Hinch, 11st Nov.—  
Swatow, 20th Nov. Gen.—T. & Co.

Haiyang, Br. ss. 1,248, Hodgins, 21st  
Nov.—Saigon, 15th Nov. Rice—  
Chioone.

Kutangs, Br. ss. 4,845, Bradley, 21st Nov.—  
Singapore, 12th Nov. Gen.—J. M.  
& Co.

Sabuni, Br. ss. 1,299, Ogata, 11st  
Nov.—Japan, 15th Nov. Gen.—  
M. B. K.

Tosa, Br. ss. 3,501, Satamoto, 21st  
Nov.—Singapore, 12th Nov. Gen.—  
N. Y. K.

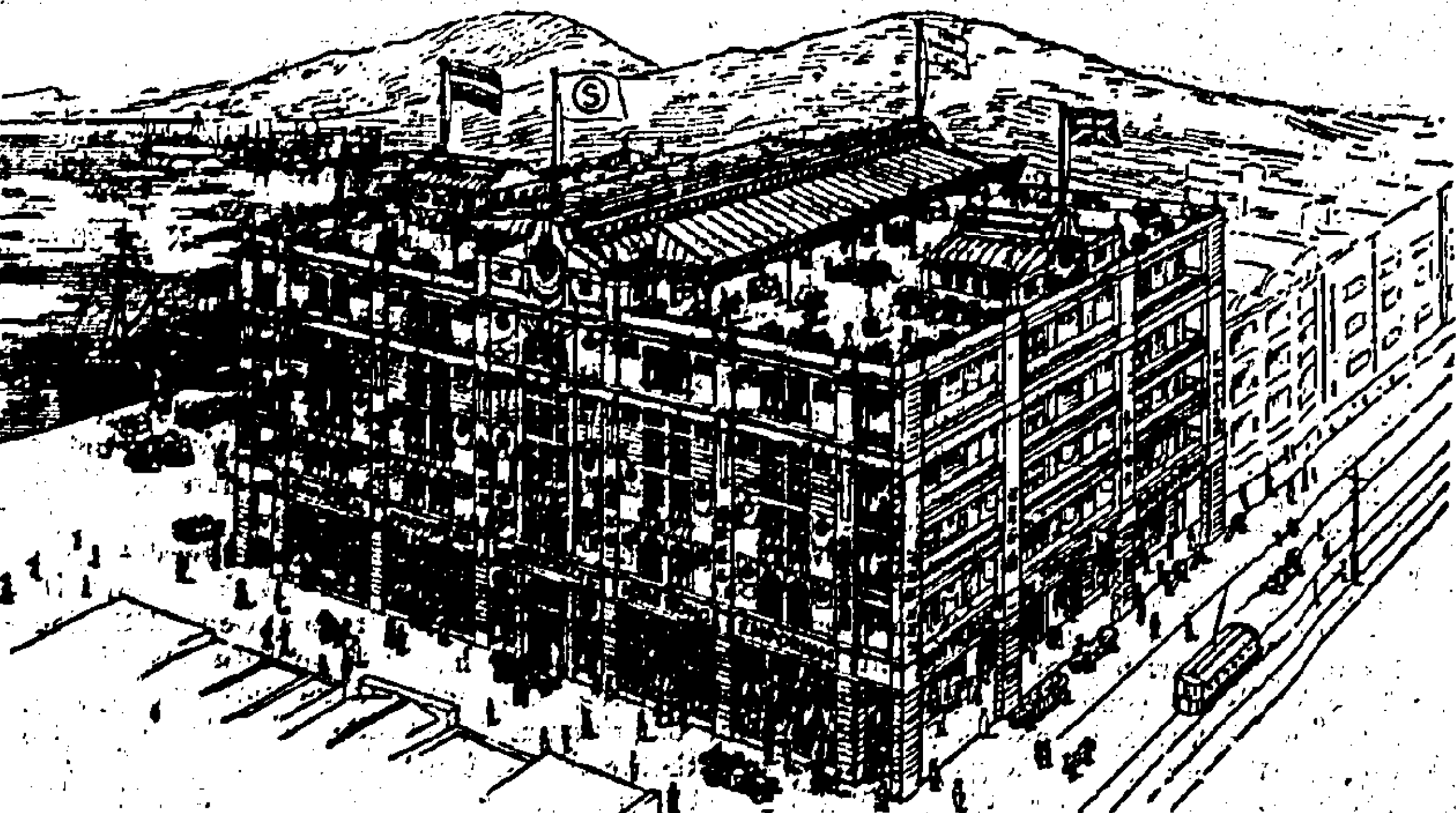
Yuenang, Br. ss. 1,137, Messey, 21st  
Nov.—Manila, 15th Nov. Gen.—J. M.  
& Co.

Anhui, Br. ss. 1,353, Eddy, 21st Nov.—  
Shanghai, 19th Nov. Gen.—B. & S.

Haihong, Br. ss. 1,270, Evans, 22nd Nov.—  
Swatow, 21st Nov. Gen.—D. L.  
& Co.

## TIDE TABLE.

| From 2nd Nov. to 26th Nov., 1916. |            |           |           |
|-----------------------------------|------------|-----------|-----------|
| Day                               | High Water | Low Water | Mean Time |
| Mon. 10                           | 10.15      | 4.15      | 11.15     |
| Tues. 11                          | 10.15      | 4.15      | 11.15     |
| Wed. 12                           | 10.15      | 4.15      | 11.15     |
| Thurs. 13                         | 10.15      | 4.15      | 11.15     |
| Fri. 14                           | 10.15      | 4.15      | 11.15     |
| Sat. 15                           | 10.15      | 4.15      | 11.15     |
| Sun. 16                           | 10.15      | 4.15      | 11.15     |
| Mon. 17                           | 10.15      | 4.15      | 11.15     |
| Tues. 18                          | 10.15      | 4.15      | 11.15     |
| Wed. 19                           | 10.15      | 4.15      | 11.15     |
| Thurs. 20                         | 10.15      | 4.15      | 11.15     |
| Fri. 21                           | 10.15      | 4.15      | 11.15     |
| Sat. 22                           | 10.15      | 4.15      | 11.15     |
| Sun. 23                           | 10.15      | 4.15      | 11.15     |
| Mon. 24                           | 10.15      | 4.15      | 11.15     |
| Tues. 25                          | 10.15      | 4.15      | 11.15     |
| Wed. 26                           | 10.15      | 4.15      | 11.15     |

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|-------------|----------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|
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| O. P. O. S. | E. of Asia     |               | Nov. 24      | Vancouver     |
| N. Y. K.    | Mishima Maru   | 16,000        | Nov. 25      | London        |
| J. C. J. L. | Tjilatjap      |               | Nov. 27      | Java          |
| P. & O.     | Nankin         |               | Nov. 27      | London        |
| B. & S.     | Peleus         | 7,441         | Nov. 27      | Singapore     |
| J. C. J. L. | Tjimbang       |               | Nov. 29      | Java          |
| N. Y. K.    | Yokohama Maru  | 8,000         | Nov. 29      | Kobe          |
| P. & O.     | Malta          |               | Nov. 30      | Kobe          |
| B. & S.     | Eurybatas      | 5,589         | Nov. 30      | Liverpool     |
| B. & S.     | Tenker         | 9,045         | Dec. 2       | Liverpool     |
| P. M. S. S. | Venezuela      |               | Dec. 2       | San Francisco |
| G. L. & Co. | Eastern        |               | Dec. 6       | Australia     |
| N. Y. K.    | Kamo Maru      | 16,000        | Dec. 6       | Yokohama      |
| P. & O.     | Novara         |               | Dec. 7       | Bombay        |
| J. C. J. L. | Tjinkai        |               | Dec. 7       | Shanghai      |
| B. & S.     | Protesilaus    | 9,547         | Dec. 8       | Seattle       |
| N. Y. K.    | Tamba Maru     | 12,500        | Dec. 8       | America       |
| N. Y. K.    | Tango Maru     | 13,500        | Dec. 11      | Yokohama      |
| P. & O.     | Nankin         |               | Dec. 14      | Kobe          |
| P. & O.     | Somali         |               | Dec. 17      | London        |
| B. & S.     | Protesilaus    | 9,54          | Dec. 20      | Manila        |
| B. & S.     | Tydeus         | 7,441         | Dec. 20      | Liverpool     |
| B. & S.     | Phebus         | 6,699         | Dec. 23      | Liverpool     |
| P. M. S. S. | Equador        |               | Dec. 23      | San Francisco |
| P. & O.     | Novara         |               | Dec. 28      | Kobe          |
| B. & S.     | Tenker         | 4,929         | Dec. 29      | Liverpool     |
| B. & S.     | Nyansa         |               | Dec. 31      | Bombay        |
| P. & O.     | Ixion          | 10,220        | Jan. 7       | Seattle       |
| G. L. & Co. | Somali         |               | Jan. 11      | Kobe          |
| G. L. & Co. | St. Albans     |               | Jan. 27      | Australia     |

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## BLOOD-RED TAPE.

Official Muddle and Departmental Mess.

Mr. Charles Palmer writes in *John Bull* of October 21:—

Must it ever be the curse of government that red tape strangles endeavour and throttles initiative? We are going to win this war, and we shall win it because of the skill of our officers and the grit of our fighting men. If departmental stupidity and Downing Street blundering, if official muddle and bureaucratic mess, could have snatched victory from our grasp, then all would be over but the weeping—the mourning blinds would be drawn down over our Imperial destiny. What is red tape? It is a rank and unhealthy growth which flourishes in the field of the Day-before-Yesterday and waxes strong wherever worn-out methods and old-fashioned ideas prevail in Government departments. We scrap old battleships, but we never make a bonfire of the dusty pigeon-holes of Whitehall, or discard systems that have grown musty with age and mildewed with incompetence. Red tape is a by-word and a reproach in peace time. In war it is crime and a sham—it is blood-red tape. Lives are sacrificed, homes are made desolate, tears of bitterness and bereavement flow, because Red Tape still rears its ensanguined head.

Something calls for a decision, some great enterprise demands instant engagement, issues of life and death hang upon a work—that decision is delayed, that enterprise is postponed, death prevails over life, because the word is not spoken. And all on account of red tape—because custom has decreed and immemorial practice has laid it down, that thus and thus only shall the process of consultation and decision be carried out. Piles of Memoranda, mountains of departmental Notes often grow up around a simple request, a common-sense proposition, which in an ordinary business would be settled by the head of the firm or the chief of a department in two minutes. And then, sinister in colour as it is grimly grotesque in its symbolism, red tape—blood-red tape—is entwined, like the brambles which grip and strangle in the witches' forest, around all these reports and comments, these official observations and marginal criticisms, until the original proposal is forgotten and the heart of initiative is killed. That is one form of red tape. In peace it is "the game," in war it becomes a cruel and criminal shame.

There is no act of folly, no sin of omission or commission, since war began which can be laid at the doors of Government that is not the ugly child of Red Tape. Think of the list—what a family! Thered tape of an effete diplomacy lost us Bulgaria, and allowed Turkey to be drawn into the coils of the Central Powers; thered tape of a worn-out Foreign Office interfered with the might of our invincible Navy, and while forbidding our ships to stop the German reservists returning to fight against the Allied troops, refused to permit the very metal and sinew of war to be made contraband. It was red tape that sacrificed Serbia to the foe and turned Mesopotamia into a shambles for our gallant men—which dug the grave of our hopes in Gallipoli, and made Greece a standing menace to our plans in the Middle East. Look where you will, and the trail of hideous red tape is marked by blood, and strewn with the bodies of men. The machine of war has been clogged with its entwining infamies; the sacrifices of gallant souls rendered nought by its poisonous influence; the very hope of Victory has more than once hung in the balance because all that stupid and old-fashioned, stubborn and hide-bound, in our methods of government has prevailed over quick decisions and decisive actions. No department is free from the blight and the blame. How come of us tonight, in spite of Ministerial denunciations and the obliquity of a partisan press, to secure the internment of the Hun in our midst; how we begged and prayed the Government to send trafficking with

## OBITUARY.

It is with extreme regret that we chronicle the death of Mrs. Gray, wife of Mr. P. J. Gray, of the Eastern Extension Telegraph Company, which occurred at the Peak Hospital yesterday, following the birth of a son.

During their stay in Hongkong, Mr. and Mrs. Gray had made many friends, and great sympathy will be felt for the bereaved husband in the sorrow which has befallen him.

The funeral takes place this evening at the Protestant Cemetery, the cortege passing the Monument at 4.30 p.m.

firms of enemy origin and enemy sympathisers, and pointed to the danger and the injustice of making the British tradesman join the Colours while the enemy alien remained at liberty to snatch his business and pile up profits for the foe after the war! How we warned them of the spy and the perils that lurked in allowing highly placed Germans to have the run of official circles and the freedom of society dinner tables! There were those in the Ministry and there were important departmental chiefs who would willingly and readily have taken action. But a forest of red tape had to be torn down before a path could be found—a way to action and reform.

After twenty-six months of war, with all the costly experience, and criminal effects, of red tape, it still bars the way to efficiency, and to justice. No ghastlier chapter of muddle-headed mistakes, and cold-hearted blunders, can be found than in the treatment of the soldier, broken in the service of his King and Country. With all history crying out in shame, with the memory of Crimean heroes and South Africa's fighting men to point the moral and teach the lesson, we are to-day faced with stories of inhuman treatment, and cruel hardship, which would be impossible if the human heart and the business head combined to secure fair treatment for the wounded or the broken soldier. Commissions have sat, Committees have inquired, but they cannot find the remedy because they lack either the power or the courage, to attack officialdom—to substitute common sense for red tape, and reasonable methods for official maddling. Why, the cases which appear in our police courts, quite apart from those that come in their scores to members of Parliament and responsible journals, would be sufficient, in ordinary circumstances, to bring the Cabinet crashing to its fall. And every day, as the tale of casualties lengthens and the hospital trains bring back the gallant fellows who deserve the very best we can do for them, the story is repeated in countless forms—the story of red tape, of interference, of departmental wrangles over cases calling for obvious and immediate decisions, of delay, muddle and injustice.

There are hundreds of men to-day broken in health by service, men who have served us well, yet, because under Providence they escaped a wound, they are denied a pension—they are not even entitled to the Silver Service Badge. Many of them can do no work. Their wives had allowances, which were stopped dead when the husbands were discharged. Red tape—cold, callous, blood-red tape—bars the path to mercy and to justice, leaving open only the road to distress and tears, to poverty and the grave. Is it for this our men have fought and suffered, our women have wept and sacrificed? Red tape has robbed us of victory and put back the hour of triumph. We must see to it that in the name of the King's Government it no longer throttles gallant men and denies justice to the soldier's home. We talk of War Economy. Let us begin by resolving to use no more red tape in Government Departments. We can do without it. And in the New Era for which we all intend to work as well as pray, there will be no place for methods that clog efficiency and for men who do not understand the greatness of the Imperial Service.

## DAY BY DAY.

**R.G.A. Dance.**  
The R.G.A. "Fergants" Mess are holding their fortnightly dance in the R.A. Theatre, Victoria Barracks, to-morrow night, commencing at 8 p.m.

**Kowloon Bowling Club.**  
The Kowloon Bowling Green Club is holding its closing day on Saturday, when the prizes will be presented. Members will be "At Home" to their friends.

**"Heather Day."**  
In connection with "Heather Day" the committee of the Kowloon Bowling Green Club has decided to guarantee a sum up to \$100 on behalf of the members.

**Rough Weather.**  
The s.s. Glenfalloch, from Singapore, reports strong monsoon and rough seas on the run up. She had on board 75 deck passengers for Hongkong and 450 for Amoy.

**Prize Cadetship.**  
A cable has been received to the effect that Mr. Alan Morris, whose success in passing the entrance examination to Sandhurst we announced a short time ago, has been awarded a Prize Cadetship.

**Rubber Dividends.**  
Messrs. Benjamin and Potts advise us that the Balgownie Rubber Estate, Ltd., has declared an interim dividend of 15 per cent. and the Teluk Anson Rubber Estate, Ltd., an interim of 10 per cent.

**Hongkong Theatre.**  
There was a fairly good house at the Hongkong Theatre last night, the attraction being "The Million Dollar Mystery," Parts 17, 18 and 19. There will be a change of programme on Saturday, when the opening episodes of a new American serial will be shown. The title of the new picture is "The Diamond from the Sky," and it is described as full of incident and abounding in thrills.

**A Chinese Lady's Paintings.**  
Miss Fung On, a young Chinese lady, aged 16 years, the daughter of Mr. Fung On, third interpreter at the Supreme Court, has painted two charming oil paintings—one of a landscape, and the other of a deer—which she has sent to Lady May for sale in aid of the war charities. Lady May, acknowledging the receipt of them, has replied as follows:—"Dear Mr. Fung On.—Thank you so very much for the two lovely pictures painted by your daughter in aid of the War Charities. It is most kind of you, and, after having them on exhibition at the Helena May Institute, we think of putting them for sale." The young artist is a student in the Italian Convent.

## POLICE RESERVE ORDERS.

Orders issued to-day by Mr. F.C. Jenkin, D.S.P. (Reserve) state:—  
Parades: Central Station 8.30 p.m.

Monday, November 27.—No. 3 Company under Company Commander, No. 4 Company (except Recruits) under the Sergeant Major.

Tuesday, November 28.—All Recruits of No. 1 and 2 Platoons, No. 2 Company and No. 4 Company, Crown Sergeant, Wilks and the Company Sergeant Major respectively will wear their men.

Wednesday, Nov. 29.—Maxim Gunners.

Thursday, Nov. 30.—Ambulance Company under the Sergeant Major.

**Headquarters' Club.**  
Members using the Club after 8 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 27, will be required to wear uniform, this being the date arranged for a whist drive.

**Defaulter's Parade.**  
Defaulters awarded D.D. will parade at Central Station at 4.30 p.m. on Saturday next, Nov. 25.—Blue uniform, Helmets and Rifles. Staff Inspector Clark will take charge.

**Joined.**  
Water Police.—P. C. 785 B. P. Allgood.

**Athletic Meeting.**  
The first annual athletic sports will take place on January 1, 1917, on the ground of the Chinese Recreation Club. A list of the events has been posted at Headquarters' Club. Entry forms will be obtained from the Orderly Room Sergeant in a few days. Inspector Charles Alves is the Honorary Secretary.

## THE M. C. L. BAZAAR.

A Splendid Financial Result.

The net proceeds of the Ministering Children's League bazaar, held on Saturday, November 11, amount to \$3,200—a sum exceeding that of last year by \$2,620. They will be divided amongst the following:—

|                                                                                         |                |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|
| Children of the Empire League for blind and disabled soldiers and sailors               | \$2,250        |
| National Committee for Relief in Belgium (for the orphans specially)                    | 1,000          |
| Hongkong Club in the M. C. L. Home, Otterhaw.                                           | 500            |
| "Little Folks Home" at Bexhill-on-Sea (specially for children of soldiers at the Front) | 300            |
| Jackanapes Work Society (Children's Branch)                                             | 200            |
| O.M.S. Victoria Home and Orphanage, Kowloon                                             | 800            |
| City                                                                                    | 750            |
| Diocesan Girls' School                                                                  | 500            |
| Baxter Mission                                                                          | 500            |
| L.M.S. Training Home for Girls                                                          | 500            |
| French Convent                                                                          | 500            |
| Italian Convent                                                                         | 500            |
| M. C. L. Club in Netherlands                                                            | 300            |
| Hospital                                                                                | 100            |
| Girl Guides' Camping Fund                                                               | 100            |
| <b>Total</b>                                                                            | <b>\$3,200</b> |

Lady May (President of the M. C. League) wishes especially to thank:—the Dairy Farm, for giving milk and butter; Messrs. Jardine, Matheson, for tea and sugar; Mr. Taggart, of the Hongkong Hotel, for the loan of crockery and tea cloths, sandwiches etc.; Hongkong Electric Light Co., for lighting; Standard Oil Company, for boilers; Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, Hongkong Club, Messrs. Wieman, Alexander, and Chartered Bank, for ice cream; Ah Long and Ah Luk, of the Tramway Co., for collecting tickets and money at the entertainment; Mr. Thornhill, of the Soldiers' Club, for crockery; the A.S.O. (Captain Milner-Jones), for so kindly providing tables, chairs and benches, etc.; Mr. Taitcher, of the Botanical Gardens, and Mr. Kynoch of the P. W.D. for valuable help rendered; Kwong Tai Loy, Nikko, Cheong Lee, Greenfield, Wang Hing, Ulimann, Wing On, Daibut, Sinoora, Sang Mow, A. Tack, Komor and Komor, Kelly and Walsh; A. Ling, Hung On, Kwong Sang, Alex Ross, Nestle Milk Co., D. K. Moss, French Store, Edward Dispensary, J. P. Bragg, Madame Flint, Hutchison and Co., Ah Fong, B. A. Tobacco Co., Alexandra Cafe, Mehta, Fairall, Queen's Dispensary, Watson, Caldwell McGregor, Wieman, Powell, Lyne Crawford, Jardine Matheson, Butterfield and Swire, British American Candy Store, and Mr. Ah Wee, for contributions to the Bellissimo School, Hoop-la, and Toy Stalls; Mr. Ho Kom-ong, Hon. Mr. Lee Chu-pak, and Mr. Chan Kai-ming for contributions from Wei-hai-wei; Mr. Edwards, Victoria Gaol, for the variety stall, and for kindly taking money at the gate; and China Mail, for advertising free; the *Hongkong Daily Press*, *S. C. Morning Post* and *Hongkong Telegraph*, for advertising at reduced rates; the French and Italian Convent, for valuable contributions; the Commodore, for kindly lending flags, also the Water Police; Mr. Wells and Petty Officer Edmonds, H.M.S. Tamar, for personal service; Chief Yeoman of Signals, Joseph Elshir, for making all the "Flags of the Allies"; the Hongkong Cadets and Boy Scouts and Girl Guides, for help in the grounds; Mr. and Mrs. Hay and "The Swanks," for providing such an excellent entertainment; and all the kind friends who gave donations. Mrs. Stedman and Mrs. Oatham wish also to thank all those ladies who sent cakes, etc., and who acted as waitresses in the tea enclosure.

## TYPHOON WARNING.

The telegram quoted below was received by the American Consulate General, Hongkong, from the Manila Observatory at 12.30 p.m. to-day:—

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## THE TRIAD SOCIETY.

Some Features of its Ceremonial.

In the case proceeding before Mr. F. A. Hensland, at the Magistrate's Court, on Saturday, November 11, against fourteen men who are charged with belonging to an unlawful society, at Yumati, some interesting details were given this afternoon by Mr. Mok Lai-chi, an expert in the doings of Triad Societies.

Mr. T. H. King, A. S. P., prosecuted and Mr. J. H. Gardiner again defended.

In giving evidence, Mr. Mok said he was well acquainted with the rules, symbols and ceremonials of Triad Societies. When it was first founded three or four hundred years ago it had as its object the overthrow of the Ching Dynasty, but had now lost that object, but still went on. It had a great many branches or lodges all over China, and each club or lodge had its own particular sign, known only to its members. The sign produced—a board bearing several characters—was possibly a sign of a club. The society had general rules which applied to all the lodges, but lodges themselves had by-laws for idol worship and so on. Each branch supported itself on the entrance fees paid by members, and extra expenses were met by subscriptions. The tab (produced) was one of the chief articles used in initiation ceremonies, and was known as "Mok Young Sing," meaning a city. Grams sandals (produced) were worn by one of the lowest officers, and this man had to carry messages to members when a fight was about to take place. Two stool men would kneel down and hold a long piece of paper at initiation meetings, this paper containing the rules. The piece of red cloth was usually tied to the queue. There was an officer called "Red Club," and the club (produced) was to be used by him for punishment purposes. The bundle of many-coloured papers (produced) had a meaning. There were five colours in the flag used, representing the five nations of the empire, the colours being red, green, crimson, black and white. Members were punished for breach of rules, and were supposed to be all the best of friends, none having a grudge against any other. If a man wanted to join and somebody in the circle had a grudge against him, revenge had to be had before the man joined. Revenge was taken by making the man go into a circle and there he was whipped with rattans, like those produced. If the man's proposer was influential he did not stand to get such a beating.

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## RETURNED PRISONERS.

Brutal German Conduct.

Mr. Leonard Spray wrote to the *Daily Telegraph* from Rotterdam on October 8:—There were Indians as well as Britons in the little band of maimed heroes who reached Holland yesterday on the way home to England from German prison camps. Of different races, different colours, yet were these men one, for all had passed through the agonies of pain and suffering. White or black, all had paid the common tribute of flesh and blood to the mother of them all—Mother England—who today will take to her loving bosom her dear, broken sons. Canadians, too, there were in this sad, but oh so happy group, so that, regarding it, one realized perhaps for the first time a great truth—a truth of tragic yet glorious import.

Here was a microcosm, as it were, of the sacrifices that not merely English, but every race that owes allegiance to the British Empire, is laying upon the altar. Canadian or Indian, English or Scottish, each of these men had surrendered some faculty of body, and a few, alas! of mind, to the great cause. Nearly every class of Britain's fighting men was represented. There were veterans of the Old Guard who withstood the first shock of the German hosts, and there were gallant lads of the New Army who "went over the top" in that glorious rush of July 1. One such, for instance, was Private G. W. Trust, of the North and Derby Regiment. Here is story of the part he played in the Somme battle, and how it is that he is going home.

I went over with the rest early in the morning of July 1. I got as far as the German wire before I got my first dose. I felt a tingling in my elbow, but did not take any notice until I saw blood running down my arm. Then I stopped a couple of machine-gun bullets in my right leg and dropped. Whilst I was lying there another bullet got me, and this time my arm was properly smashed. I managed to scramble along to a shell hole. There I found six other badly wounded pals. We lay there all day and night. It seemed more like a week. Just as daylight was breaking one of my pals moved, and the Germans started sniping. Then a party of about fifteen Germans, all carrying hand grenades, came along and commenced to bomb us. They lobbed any number of bombs into the crater, and killed five of us, only a lance-corporal of my platoon and myself escaping. I got another wound from a fragment of a bomb.

"Did the Germans know you were wounded try to finish you off?" I asked.

Evidently wishing to be perfectly fair, Trust said:

Of course, I do not know for certain, but I do not think so, because one of the Germans who had done the bombing, seeing I was alive, tried to pick me up. I pointed to my badly wounded leg, and the German then fetched a comrade, and together they carried me to the German trenches, and then down into a dug-out. The Germans dressed my wounds, and gave me wine and water. At nightfall they carried me along a communication trench to the rear.

A somewhat similar adventure was that of Private Arthur Scarborough, also of the North Regiment.

I was hit before reaching the German entanglements where our lot copped it. We could not get the German trenches here at the first rush, but nobody went back. Our chaps stayed as close as they could to the German lines, in shell holes, or any other shelter they could find. I happened to be lying near a shell hole where four of my "unwounded" pals were. Then the Germans started trying to bomb them out, and I got hit again; this time by a bomb splinter. Nobody could get to us from our lines to help us, so a pal who was not quite so badly hurt as I was helped me into the German trench.

A new important fact disclosed by soldiers from Friedrichsfeld is that 4,400 members of English prisoners, probably about 2,000, have now been sent to the occupied zone.

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Russian province of Courland on forced labour. Private France, of the Gordon Highlanders, among others, testified convincingly to the truth of this.

Englishmen, he said, are mostly at Liebau and Windau. On May 7 last 500 were assembled, and given armlets, marked "E. K." with a number. Those of us remaining in the camp were told that our comrades were being taken route marching. But they did not return. Since then we have seen parcels arriving for them from England re-addressed by the Germans to Courland. A short time ago five came back ill to the camp hospital. They told us they, with other Englishmen in Courland, were mostly employed in making roads for German transport and a few on farm work. These Englishmen in Russia are treated like slaves. If they as much as glanced to the right or the left they were jumped on by the German guards. They suffered terribly from the cold.

Many other Englishmen have been compelled to work in coal and iron mines. When they have objected on the ground of giving indirect assistance in the production of munitions for their country's enemies they were forced down at the revolver's point.

Irishmen, it would appear, are still receiving unwelcome attention. A private in the Dublin Fusiliers, who lost an arm at Loos, was at Mannheim, where, he said:

German officers are always trying their "blarney" on us Irish chaps. They say to us, "This is not Ireland's war. Why are you fighting for the English?" A funny thing, too, is that many of them really seem unable to understand why we Irish should be fighting.

The party, who came from Germany to the Hook of Holland in an ambulance train, numbered fifty-seven, all men permanently incapacitated. In the evening they embarked on the hospital ship *Saint Denis*, which had brought over eighty-seven exchanged Germans. At Aix-la-Chapelle a German officer made a final examination of the returning Englishmen before the train crossed the frontier. He held back one sergeant and one lance-corporal, though they had lost a leg and an arm respectively. This heartless action at the last moment was not taken on any physical ground. The officer merely looked at the papers, and said, "No non-commissioned officers may leave," and ordered the unfortunate men to be removed from the train.

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## TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENT.

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## GENERAL NEWS.

**Bangkok Britisher's Death.**  
The Bangkok Times records the death of Mr. Archibald Haggie, which occurred last evening. Deceased had been resident for many years in Siam, and was formerly intimately connected with the mining industry of the country. He had been in failing health for some considerable time, and his death was due to intestinal troubles. He was in his fifty-fifth year.

**Burma's New P.M.G.**  
The Gazette of India of October 21, in announcing Mr. George Washington Talbot's posting to relieve Mr. W. Sutherland, V.D., as Postmaster General, Burma, Cirele, adds that he will be placed on special duty for six weeks before he takes over charge of the office. Mr. Sutherland's appointment as Deputy Director-General, Telegraph Traffic, takes effect from December 16.

**Madras Law Course.**  
Madras, 30th October: At Saturday's meeting of the Senate Mr. Justice Seshagiri Iyer proposed the recommendation of the Faculty of Law, substituting for the present regulations, a new set of regulations relating to the examination for the degree of Bachelor of Laws, and recommended that they come into force forthwith. He said that the regulations reduced the course from three years to two years, and that the present course was a great improvement over the old two years course. The proposition was seconded by Sir W. G. Desika Charyar and carried.

**Planter's Tragic Death.**  
News has been received in Ipoh, we (Times of Malaya) regret to report, that an assistant on Hendra Estate, Sangkai, named Mr. Gilbert Goudry, was found dead on November 5th with a deep wound in the temple, and with one hand clutching the trigger of a double-barrelled shot-gun. The body was examined by Dr. Ward and Holbrook, and the funeral took place at Batu Gajah, being attended by a number of planters from Sangkai and district. Mr. Gilbert Goudry, was an ex-petty officer and was for a time an officer on a Glen liner. He started planting in Malacca, where he remained four years, and had been at Hendra Estate, Sangkai, for three years.

**Japan's Newspaper Output.**  
The total number of newspapers published in Japan proper in 1915 was 865, their aggregate daily circulation being about 4,310,000. To-day there must be some increase in the number. Of the above Tokyo boasts of owning 32, Osaka 13, and the provinces 320. Out of 32 Tokyo papers, 15 possess among them 64 rotary presses, their total daily circulation running up to about 1,800,000. The corresponding figures for Osaka are 6, 25 and 766,000, and for the provinces 57, 74, and 969,000. These dailies sell for one sen, or a quarter of a penny, a copy, with the solitary exception of the Jiji, which maintains the price of 2 1/2 sen a copy. The country also possesses hundreds of periodicals of monthly and more frequent publication. Monthly enjoy considerable influence, far more so than weeklies, while their educational value is not small.

**Rockefeller College for Shanghai.**  
St. Louis, Oct. 6.—The Episcopal Board of Missions, after a discussion lasting all day, as to whether it should have anything to do with the money of Mr. John D. Rockefeller, as offered through the Rockefeller Foundation, issued a statement which follows, in brief: "The Rockefeller Foundation is planning to establish a medical college at Shanghai, China. It has been proposed by an agent of the Rockefeller Foundation that the Board of Missions appoint one member of the American board of trustees, which will have charge of the organization of the medical college. The president of the Board of Missions, after due consideration, has determined to authorize, therefore, the appointment of a member of the board to serve on the board of trustees. No action was taken which in any sense committed either the church or the Rockefeller Foundation to any appropriation of funds whatsoever."

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**Bulgar Against Bulgarians.**  
General Dimitrieff, who is commanding the Russian army attacking Bulgaria, was one of the most distinguished commanders in the Balkan War, and commanded the Bulgarian Army after General Savoff retired. He was made Bulgarian Minister at Petrograd, and continued to hold his post there up to the Bulgarian declaration of war, when he returned all his Bulgarian decorations, and became a Russian General commanding a Russian army.

**A Geisha Trust Company.**  
A company has been established in Nagoya—it is called the Geisha Trust Company, Ltd.—to commercialize the geisha, her beauty and her talents. The promoter is Shosaku Kawada, a Nagoya man. He persuaded several restaurant and geisha house proprietors, along with a few meganotes of the city, to invest 10,000 yen. He proceeded to organize the company which, it is announced, "guarantees to supply geisha girls for public demand." The venture has been legally sanctioned. The concern has 100 shareholders, who have invested from 40 to 500 yen each. —Kobe Herald.

**J. K. J. Busy.**  
Jerome K. Jerome is acting as an ambulance driver in the French Red Cross.

**Baron von Kuhlmann.**  
Baron von Kuhlmann, the German Minister at The Hague, has been appointed Ambassador in Constantinople.

## HUNGARY'S FLIGHT.

Count Karolyi States the Facts.

Count Karolyi has been giving some plain facts and figures to the Hungarian Diet regarding the rise in the price of food during the war, says the Central News Zurich correspondent. Amongst other startling facts he mentioned that in Hungary the price of food has risen 487 per cent., beef 528 per cent., pork 370 per cent., an egg, which in normal times costs 84 heller, now costs 28 heller. Thanks to bad management, he declared, the people of Austria and Hungary are in a much worse condition than the Germans as regards food.

The cost of keeping a family of five in Germany has risen 95 per cent., whilst in Hungary the augmentation has been no less than 215 per cent. "The Government," said Count Karolyi, "has not published figures concerning the yield of the last harvest, but it is reported to be 600,000 quintals less than that of 1915, which was by no means a good year. We shall probably be forced to conclude peace through lack of nourishment, but we ought not to wait till then before seeking to apply a remedy."

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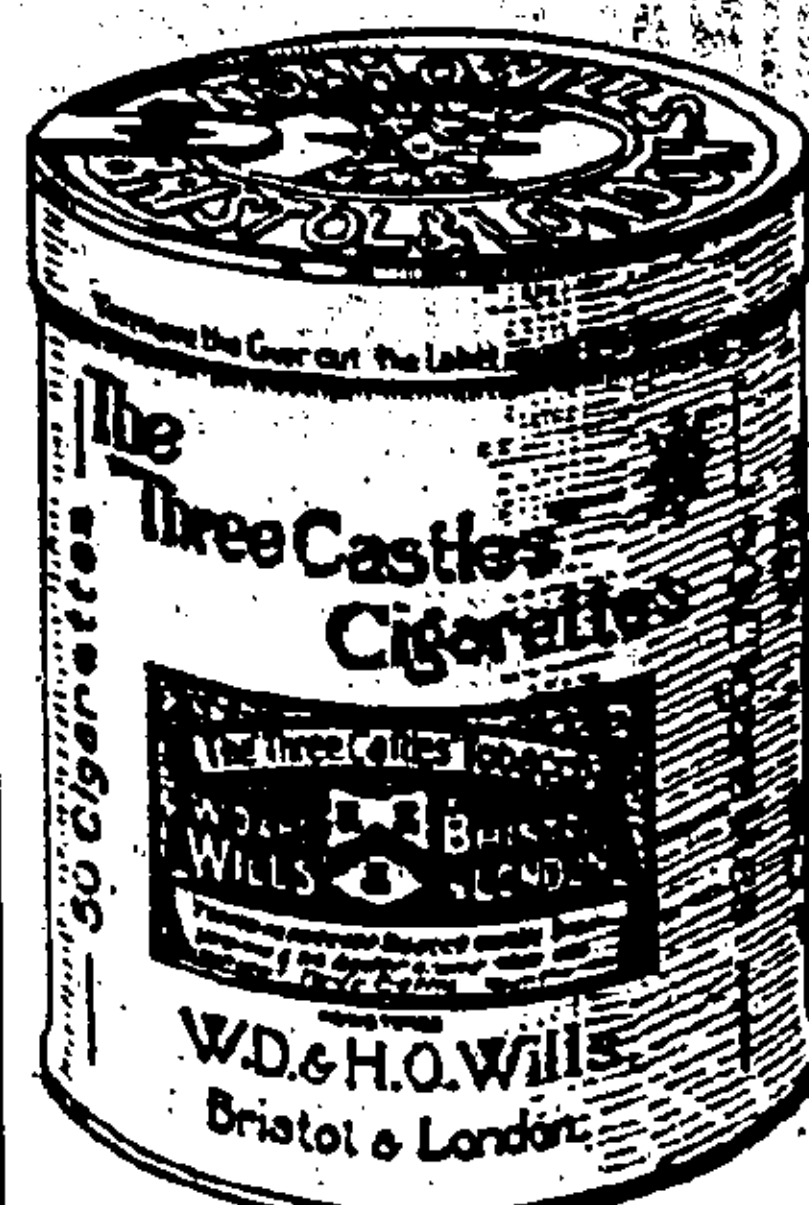
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## DEATH.

DOWNING.—On November 23rd Gertrude Maud Downing, the dearly beloved wife of T. C. Downing, aged 36.

## The Hongkong Telegraph.

HONGKONG, THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 1916.

## KWANGTUNG AND ITS GOVERNORS.

The Cantonese are a stiff-necked generation, never knowing what they want, even though able to form a tolerably accurate idea as to what they do not want. They entertain great objections to being governed by a man able to control them, for which reason they were opposed, from first to last, to their late tuchun, Lung Chai-kwong. Lung had his failings, but inability to gain his own point was not one of them. He was determined to be obeyed in Canton, and obeyed he was. Even the formidable armed resistance that was offered during the last two or three months of his term of office could not succeed in making him step aside from the resolute path which he had marked out for himself, and when the fighting was done, and even the talking almost done, it was found that he, and not his enemies, had won. He must needs give up his post—but on his own terms! His colleague, the Civil Governor, naturally occupied the background in the presence of so forcible a figure, and he gradually faded away to leave room for Chu Hing-lan. Soon after, with equal obligingness, Lung withdrew, and the man for whom the Cantonese had been clamouring—Luk Wing-ling—reigned in his stead.

All this is just a matter of the last month or two, but already the Cantonese are discontented with the new arrangement and are crying out for a change. Of Luk Wing-ling as an administrator no one appears to know much; indeed, since his appointment to the Military Governorship of Kwangtung, he has accomplished, so far as we can gather, just nothing; and even that he has not done with marked brilliance. But Chu Hing-lan has already established his own authority and has proved to onlookers, and presumably to his superiors in Peking, that, given anything like a reasonable amount of support, he is the man to deal with the turbulent and talkative people of this part of China. Nor shall we stray far from the truth if we suggest that it is this very fact of his being able to manage the Cantonese that is setting them against him. There is one section among our good neighbours that would fain see success and corruption triumphant and the gambling industry in full swing. Such people naturally want a ruler who can be bullied or—coaxed. Again, there is a section, wirepullers every man of them, who modestly ask for a Governor who will see eye to eye with them in various schemes in which they themselves are the sport of other wire-pullers; schemes, for instance, not altogether unconnected with the extension of foreign influence and interests throughout the Province. Thirdly there is the group that is bitten with the Southern Republic mania. To none of these parties would a strong Governor be tolerable; and in demanding, as they are doing, that a Southerner shall be appointed to the post, they are fairly sure that none such will be forthcoming; for the South (or, at any rate Kwangtung) does not often produce strong men.

But do our loquacious and self-winking friends ever pause to consider what their cavilling is likely to lead them to? If they had as much sense as a rabbit they would surely realize that a successful Governor for so difficult a province as Kwangtung must possess either hereditary ruling instincts or else a wide Western education. If they had set their hearts on Shun Chun-huen for their Governor, the choice would have been at least rational, for though his appointment would hardly commend itself to prudent men, he at least has grown up in official circles and is experienced in the handling of men. Equally, we could have understood a demand for such a man as Sun Yat-sen, who is foreign-educated, but instead, the choice seems to hang round gentlemen of the Wu Hon-man and Chan Kwong-ming type, who are neither the one thing nor the other: who certainly do not spring from the governing class, and who can lay claim to little in the way of foreign study or travel. Is there no one in Peking shrewd enough and strong enough to convince the Cantonese that they cannot have a new Governor quite every month—for there is always the amusing possibility that, should Chu Hing-lan and Luk Wing-ling both be called and Southern successors appointed, Kwangtung folk will still want another change when they are tired of their new toy.

## The Dead Emperor.

The ancients held the very worthy creed that nothing, other than good, should be spoken of the dead. Had the news which was wired to the Colony yesterday evening concerned the German Emperor instead of the aged Francis Joseph, the line of charity would have been a difficult one to follow. But—at least in the British mind—there has never been any very strong feeling of resentment against the unhappy old man who has at last been gathered to his fathers. To the Poles, God help them, as well as to the Italians, the Serbians and the various Balkan and Latin peoples exiled in Transylvania, his memory may be one to be held sacred, with all too good reason; but the average Briton, never having suffered from Hapsburg tyranny, will probably see in Francis Joseph more to pity than to condemn. He came of a "bad job" House; he was still a boy when called upon, as long ago as 1845, to rule a jumbled and disaffected people, and his life was one lengthy record of official and domestic trouble. We are bound to believe, too, that he would never, of his own will, have been a party to aggression against Britain. There was warm friendship between him and Queen Victoria, as also between him and King Edward; and the war historian will have difficulty in seeing in him anything but a miserable and helpless figure-head: a victim to senile decay, and a puppet in the hands of his brother Kaiser, of a few maniac Austrian militarists, and of a very considerable ring of Jewish financiers—who, by the way, have been largely controlling Austria's destinies for the last five and twenty years of the old gentleman's reign. All his lifelong circumstances had been against him; and one can hardly suppose that, at least during the past two years, he cherished any other wish than to be out of a world that had proved too much for him.

## German Tyranny.

It would have indeed been a strange thing had not the whole civilized world been moved by the almost indignation at the demoralized policy which Germany is following in the occupied territories of Belgium and Poland for the purpose of bolstering up her failing military strength. No one with a spark of humanity left in him could have read of the recent terrible proceedings in Belgium, where husbands have been separated from wives and children at the point of the bayonet, without experiencing a feeling of utter revulsion that such things should be possible in the twentieth century. And now apparently the same sort of thing is to be repeated in Poland at a moment when the Central Empires are boasting of their magnanimity in offering "independence" to the enslaved state. Even the American pacifist organs, we are told, are disgusted "at this monstrous oppression." But is a more expression of disgust sufficient? The whole world now sees Germany in her true colours, and if neutral nations cannot see the danger to themselves—apart from any question of sympathy for sufferers—of allowing such a browbeating set of ruffians to exist any longer, then they will deserve all they get if the worse comes to the worse. America, Norway, Sweden, Holland and Denmark may not find it politic to enter the war; but they can at any rate show their practical sympathy with the oppressed and their righteous anger at Germany's brutal methods by doing all in their power to render the blockade more effective still. For ourselves, there is only one way of getting level with the enemy, and that is, as Lord Robert Cecil says, by a more vigorous and insistent prosecution of the war. These things will spur the Allies on to even greater determination than reverses in the field could do. And when the final reckoning comes, Germany must be made to pay. Every day she is being starved, and her people are being starved.

## DAY BY DAY.

THE GREAT THING IN THE WORLD IS NOT SO MUCH TO SEEK HAPPINESS AS TO EARN PEACE AND SELF-RESPECT.—Huxley.

The Mails.  
Christmas Mail (via Siberia).—Closed per a.s. Singkiang at 2 p.m. to-day.  
Christmas Mail (via Siberia).—Closes per a.s. Penang Maru at 5 p.m. to-day.  
Siberian Mail (London, Oct. 27).—Due per a.s. Lushow to-morrow.

The Dollar.  
The opening rate of the dollar on demand to-day was 2s. 3.9/10d.

To-morrow's Anniversary.  
To-morrow is the 274th anniversary of the discovery of Tasmania.

Rubber Dividend.  
Messrs. Benjamin and Potts advise us that the Sanyoro Rubber Co., Ltd., has declared an interim dividend of 7 1/2 per cent.

Disappeared with \$20,000.  
A Chinese business man has reported to the Police that his accountant has disappeared with the sum of \$20,000, and cannot be found.

Buffaloes and Bullock Stolen.  
From the village of Sha Tau Kok comes a report of the theft of two buffaloes and a bullock, which were stolen from a shed which had been broken into.

Kailan Output.  
The total output of the Kailan Mining Administration's mines for the week ending November 11 amounted to 63,226 tons and the sales during the period to 52,566 tons.

Alice Memorial Hospital.  
The Hon. Treasurer of the Alice Memorial and Affiliated Hospitals begs to acknowledge with thanks the following donation to the funds of the Hospitals:—Union Church, \$111 9/4.

Blind Man Fined.  
At the Police Court this morning, before Mr. J. R. Wood, a Chinese blind man was charged on remand with having in his possession morphine, cocaine and opium gross. His Worship inflicted a fine of \$50 in each case.

Possession of Ammunition.  
While Sanitary Inspector Taylor was disinfecting a house yesterday he discovered 30 rounds of ammunition. This morning defendant was charged before Mr. F. A. Hazeland, at the Police Court, with the offence. His Worship said he did not think the case was very serious, and defendant would be fined \$25, and the ammunition would be forfeited.

Restrictions Removed.  
The Consul General for the Netherlands informs us that the Netherlands Indian Government has rescinded the decree by which Hongkong was declared an infected port on account of plague. No special measures are necessary for ships leaving for the Netherlands Indies, until further orders with the exception that the bill of health has to be endorsed by this Consulate General.

Stole A Blanket.  
"He went to a house, broke open a door, and stole a red blanket," said Inspector Grant concerning a defendant brought before Mr. F. A. Hazeland. He further stated that the man was seen by a woman who chased him half-a-mile. Defendant said there was nothing in it. A man stated that he also ran after him, and caught him. Defendant said he was set upon by about ten men, who beat him with chains and other weapons. His Worship did not believe the story and sent him to prison for two months and ordered him to be placed in the stocks for four hours.

Found in the House.  
A Chinese was charged before Mr. F. A. Hazeland, at the Police Court this morning, with stealing two jackets. Inspector Sim said defendant was found in the complainant's house in possession of two jackets which did not belong to him. He was just preparing to make his exit from the verandah to the rear house, when he was caught. Defendant stated that he had nothing to say. His Worship said he supposed the man had come down from Macao to steal. It was getting near Chinese New Year. Defendant was sent to prison for two months, hard labour, and "four hours" in the stocks.

## "HEATHER DAY."

How it will be Observed in Hongkong.

On November 30 (St. Andrew's Day) heather badges etc., designs of which have already been agreed to, will be sold in the Colony for the benefit of Scottish War Charities, on the lines indicated at the inaugural meeting dealing with the scheme, held in the City Hall, on November 8. In order that as many as possible of the Scots resident in the Colony may be fully posted as to the origin and aims of this "Heather Day," a copy of the proceedings of the meeting in question has been sent to all those whose names and addresses were available.

To ensure that everything possible will be done to make the scheme a success, the Colony has, for the purpose of collecting etc., been divided into Districts viz:—Kowloon, Taikeo, East Point, General and Peak, and sub-committees of those residing in such areas have been appointed with a view to making all arrangements in respect of their own particular district.

The badges, or other emblems, for sale will be pinned on suitably decorated boards and will, together with collecting boxes, be issued to the conveners of the Sub-Committees of the various districts some days prior to November 30. The making up of the badges, and the preparing of the boards on which they are to be exhibited, is being arranged by the Executive Committee, and they will be handed over to sellers fully completed and ready for sale. Selling is to be carried out by ladies and girls, assisted by such boys as may be attired in Highland costume. With regard to the dress of ladies and girls, it is requested that all should wear articles of apparel to denote their Scotch Nationality, such as a Tartan sash, but it is left to the discretion of the parents of the latter to attire them in such way as is most suitable for an occasion of this nature.

In all Districts selling will commence not later than 8 a.m. and those in charge of Kowloon, Taikeo, East Point, Upper Central and Peak districts, where it is estimated collecting should be completed about 9.30 o'clock, will please arrange for collectors, with boxes, to assemble at the Hongkong Cricket Club Pavilion, which will be Headquarters for the day, as soon after 10.30 a.m. as possible, where they will be met by the General officials, and when all monies collected in such districts will be handed in.

A procession will then be formed, consisting of decorated motor cars containing boys and girls, the former dressed in Highland costume, headed by the Pipe Band of the 74th Punjab, and a short tour of about half an hour's duration made of that part of the City wherein the European offices are situated.

At 11 a.m. visits by collecting parties, consisting of children accompanied by adults, will commence office-to-office calls, and instructions as to which offices the respective parties will call upon will be arranged later and helpers advised in good time. While such office calls are being carried out, collectors will be on duty at principal points of the business quarter of the city, and arrangements will be made to have such posts occupied uninterruptedly as from 8 a.m. Vessels in the Harbour will also be visited with a view to collecting, and arrangements in this direction are in the hands of a special committee.

All collectors will re-assemble at the Cricket Club pavilion not later than 1 p.m., where delivery will be taken of the funds collected in the City and Harbour Districts, and as the result of the office calls. Light refreshments will be provided, free of charge to collectors during the forenoon at the Cricket Club pavilion.

In the event of calls being cleared in payment of purchases, same may be accepted from adults only, but care must be taken to ensure that name and addresses are legibly inscribed on the special call books which will be supplied.

It has been decided that the Executive Committee will be held at the Cricket Club pavilion.

## THE MEN'S CLUB.

Another Enjoyable Social Evening.

Last night the Men's Club, Seamen's Institute, was once more the scene of a most successful social evening. An audience, comprising 183 men and some visitors, were treated to a most enjoyable programme. Some new talent and songs were introduced, as well as some old favourites. The programme included recitations by Captain W. G. Litt and songs by Mr. Rower, both being much appreciated. Private Braddick and Copeland caused much amusement with their "Bag-time Duet" and costumes. Corporal Armstrong and Lance-Corporal Freeman were as much enjoyed as ever. Private Williams contributed two good turns, as also did Private Braddick. Refreshments were served during an interval, under the supervision of Corporal Morris. During this interval some good selections were played from records, which, with a fine gramophone, had been kindly lent by the Robinson Piano Company. As last week, the performance terminated with a most amusing sketch by the Band, 4th K.S.L.I., entitled "The Theatrical Agent". Bagler Jones took the part of the harassed agent, with Private Simpson as his comic assistant. Other parts were effectively taken by Private Povey (Charlie Chaplin), H. Wilde (baritone singer), W. Woodward (Miss Betty), F. Beatty ("Little Tich"), T. Braddick (Miss Florrie Ford). It is impossible to single out any individual for special mention when all were so good. They thoroughly deserved the thunder of applause which they received. Thanks are again due to Private Meredith and Lieut. Cpl. Johnson for their help at the piano, and to the many kind friends, who lent their services during the evening. Although, of course, a weekly "Social" is a severe tax upon the resources of the performers, the test has been admirably met up to the present, and there is every promise of a series of really good shows throughout the winter. The kind hospitality of the Colony in the matter of cigarettes and refreshments is much appreciated by the men who enjoy it. The National Anthem and cheers for the performers brought a jolly evening to a close.

It is hoped to hold another social evening next Wednesday as usual, at 7 o'clock, to which all troops stationed in the Colony are invited.—Communicated.

at private dwelling houses for the purpose of collecting is not desirable.

In view of the number of children assisting in connection with the Selling etc.; a request was sent to the Hon. Director of Education asking that a general holiday be granted to the European schools under Government control on St. Andrew's Day, and it is satisfactory to report that same is to be put into effect.

The Pipe and Brass Bands of the 74th Punjab will play appropriate music on the Hongkong Cricket Club's ground during the forenoon of November 30, and it is requested that as many Scottish residents and their friends as possible will make a point of being present, at least for part of the time. The foregoing generally outlines the scheme, and, while it is important that those assisting should, as far as is practicable, follow the suggested itinerary, particularly with regard to times of assembly etc., it is, however, left to the discretion of Sub-Committees to organise the working of their own particular districts with a view to obtaining the best results.

The officials are as follow:—Executive Committee.—Messrs. A. O. Lang (Chairman), T. F. Hough, R. Sutherland, Evan Ormiston, R. M. Dyer, J. R. Grayson, N. S. Marshall, Dr. Forsyth, John McDonald (Hon. Treasurer), J. H. Wallace (Hon. Secretary). Members of Committee of St. Andrew's Society, ex-officio. Conveners of Sub-Committees.—Messrs. D. G. (Kowloon), W. Murray (Scott), and Mrs. Thompson (Taikeo); Dr. Black (Central); Messrs. Sutherland and Lang (Peak); Mr. G. M. (East Point).

## TENNIS "AT HOME."

Enjoyable Function at R.E. Serge's Mess.

The members of the R. E. Sergeants' Mess were "At Home" yesterday to friends of the tennis fraternity. The weather being good and a large number of guests attended. The results of the first round were:—

S. M. Anderson and Opl. Scott lost to Opl. White and Opl. Heath 2-5; Mrs. Phillips and Q. M. S. Wyatt lost to Mrs. Anderson and Opl. Grimes 3-4; Sgt. Coxon and Opl. Bevan lost to Q. M. S. Coy and S. S. Keesom, 1-5; Mrs. Jenkins and Q. M. S. Evans beat Miss Jennings and Sgt. Clark 4-3; Opl. Scott and Q. M. S. Evans lost to S. M. Jenkins and S. M. Anderson 2-5; Mrs. Anderson and S. M. Davidson lost to Mrs. Allison and Opl. White, 3-4.

After tennis came tea, and following that, an adjournment was made to the Mess, where a new game, invented by one named Fisher, created roars of laughter. The billiard table was requisitioned with skittles representing goal posts and a blown egg, which had to be blown by the players through the posts. A match by gentlemen was followed by one by the ladies, and shrieks of laughter was the result. An impromptu whist drive was the next item, the prize-winners being:—Ladies:—1st, Mrs. Duffield; Bobby, Mrs. Evans. Gentlemen:—1st, Mr. Scott; Bobby, Mr. Jenkins. Songs followed, the ladies being very prominent, and at a late hour "The King" brought to a close what was voted a very enjoyable time.—Communicated.

## SHANGHAI SHARE REPORT.

No Money Available to Take Up Shares.

Messrs. A. L. Anderson and Co.'s weekly share circular (Shanghai, 18th November,) says:—

Of the fortnight which has elapsed since we last addressed you, the former half was practically devoid of business owing to the interest taken by the public in the Race Club's autumn fixture, while this last week has seen hardly a transaction effected due to the phenomenal tightness in the money market. The heavy shipments of silver from Shanghai to which we have referred in previous circulars have been far in advance of imports, and the depletion of the Port's supply of money was brought to a culmination by a somewhat unexpected demand from the North. Subsequent to loans from native to foreign banks, the former's rate of interest went as high as 7 per cent per day, and this has put the native would-be buyer of shares out of the market, while the request by some of the foreign banks that overdrafts should not be contracted or increased has disposed of a number of foreign investors. Nor is it to be wondered at that those lucky ones who have liquid funds should prefer to buy gold at about 3/5 to the taël rather than shares or debentures. At this time's year ago Shanghai held some Tls. 90,000,000; the stock is now Tls. 18,000,000, but we are informed that Tls. 5,000,000 should reach us from the south end Tls. 4,000,000 from across the Pacific in a fortnight's time. Under these circumstances the prices given must be regarded as purely nominal in the majority of cases; while there is no suspicion of a panic in the share market, there is no money available to take up the few shares offered.—Anglo-Javan.—The dividend is payable on 11th proximo; and not as stated in our last issue: Buta Animo An interim dividend of Tls. 0.05 will be paid on 1st proximo. Remunera will pay a similar amount on the same date.

Vaccination in Siam.  
An additional 24,374 vaccinations are reported in the Siam provinces, Angkor, Battambang, and others.



# RUMANIA MUST BE SAVED.

Our Honour at Stake.

Mr. A. G. Hales, writes in *John Bull* of October 21—

The little Rumanian nation stands quivering on the edge of disaster. Germany, mad with wild beast hate, lusting for vengeance on the dauntless little Power that defied the Fatherland in all its wondrous military might, has determined to crush Rumania into the very dust, as fearless little Serbia was crushed, for the same reason. Falkenhayn, the Kaiser's second-best commander, a ruthless, blood-lusting, pitiless Junker general, has been sent by the War Lord to write in Rumanian blood the full story of German vengeance; and he will write a page in history as dark as death, unless a mighty wave of splendid pity, pride and honour sweeps through these isles and brings the lion spirit leaping to the forefront of the war. Falkenhayn is a Junker devil; his record is as black as Hell, as foul as shame distilled. He is as soulless as grey granite, as pitiless as a storm; and he is smothering under the defeat we inflicted upon him at the Somme. His failure against Haig and curbs brought about his military degradation, and made him a fitting instrument for his butcher's task—the task of wiping little Rumania off the map of nations. All that is bad in the Junker crew, all that is base, ferocious in the veins of this beaten and belittled soldier of the Fatherland. We tamed his pride; we curbed his soaring arrogance—the genius of Haig and the bayonets of our boys pitch-forked him from his pedestal. And now there is nothing left for him but to restate himself in the eyes of the gentle Hun nation by wading in the blood of the little people which, to its everlasting honour, stepped into the battle line to help us, and to help our Allies, at a moment when things were looking as black as night for us.

Only men who know the Balkan can gauge what a mighty help the incoming of Rumania meant to Britain and her Allies; it meant the salvation of the situation. Our diplomacy had been, and still is, damnable in its backboned weakness. We lost Bulgaria's support and permitted her to drift over to the enemy. We have let Greece play with us, with her false tongue in her cheek; we swallowed old wives' tales from the lips of King Constantine whilst Serbia was crushed and maimed beyond redemption; are we going to stand around talking—always talking—whilst Rumania, the noblest sacrifice of all, is trodden into the mire? Such a crime must not be. Let us for once strip off the mantle of so-called expediency, and look the naked truth in the face in the broad light of day. Germany is set on annihilating Rumania—not in a war of conquest, but in a war of utter extermination. She is throwing masses of men and guns at the grand little nation, and if we do not act and act now, she will leave that fair and fruitful land a shambles and a wilderness. Every girl left alive will be left to give birth to a half-German child—for that is the Falkenhayn method in German-conquered provinces and little kingdoms. The old women and grey men will go the way of the old in Serbia. The young men will be given to the steel. I have seen war in the Balkans, I and I know. All this is to be done to frighten the soul of possible resistance out of Greece—if Greece has a soul to-day—so put the fear of death and shame into Holland, Norway and Sweden, and to punish savagely Rumania for being loyal to her ideals of freedom and honour. The Allies must leap to the rescue; all that is great in mankind demands it; and Britons, you must lead the van. The gallant King of Rumania appeals direct to you—shall he appeal in vain? No sacrifice is too vast, no endeavour too daring. It is a nation's chance to rise sublimely to the Alpine heights of real greatness. Rise in your millions; rise like one man; come as a people proud of your heritage and save this loyal, trusting, faithful little friend from the hell that is being laid upon its feet! These shall

## LANGKAT OUTPUT.

Messrs. Benjamin and Potts advise us that the Langkat output is as follows—

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your star blaze in the heavens, a beacon for the brave, until the heavens crumple like a scroll. Up, Britons, and at 'em; let us give the German wolf the fighting he is asking for, without pity and without remorse, till he curses the names of Kaiser and bloody butcher Falkenhayn!

Now is your chance, now your hour of destiny, Ireland. Forget the troubles and the wrongs of the past! A little people as brave as you are, as generous as you are, turns eyes, filled with the dread of women's shame and children's butchery, towards you. Will ye turn your faces to the wall and let them perish—let the last wrong be done to the Rumanian women? In God's name—and I say it reverently—don't do it; don't shame dear old Ireland, the home of the brave, the land of the great. Throw politics to the Devil for once, and in the freeing of Rumania from the Germanic yoke work out your own salvation. He who says that the Irish did not come into this war because they were afraid is a liar and a fool—all real men know the cause of the people's lukewarmness; throw it behind you, form an Irish Brigade for service—immediate service—in Rumania, and write another glorious page in your history. And, as a favour—the greatest you can grant me—let me march in your ranks and fight with you. I know the Balkans, and I've Irish blood in me.

To every man in these Isles who has drawn a badge of non-combat I say, "Hand it in now; hand it in at once"—demand to be sent to help Rumania, that the shame of the false friend may not light upon us. France needs every man on her borders to hold back the German hosts. Russia and Italy can send an Army Corps, but we must be the torch-bearers, the pioneers. Serbia was sacrificed, Antwerp was crucified, Mesopotamia was muddled away, Gallipoli thrown to the dogs; our cry must be, "No more, no more!" Miners in Wales, let your old men come from the ingleside and, with the women, work the mines; pour forth in your tens of thousands on this, the noblest crusade that ever stirred the souls of the sons of men—let the old Welsh alogan ring high and clear as eagle's note through the Balkan vales and mountains!

Come on this Holy Crusade! Where is Lloyd George? The world wants him now, wants him as he was never wanted before—wants the magic of his voice, the wonder of his personal magnetism. Let him in this hour throw all that is in him into this Holy War and call up volunteers of Rumania—not conscripts, but the mighty men who are eager and willing to fight, suffer and die for an ideal. And, Horatio Bottomley, fly through England and Scotland—lift high the fiery cross on hill and dale; bring in the Dilemmen—if needs be, let the herds run free, let the women tend the flocks; there is something more at stake to-day than money or all that money can buy. The fair fame of the people is trembling in the balance; it is a thing worth fighting for, it is worth dying for! Our honour is at stake; it shall not go into the melting-pot. *—(Signed) A. G. Hales.*

## MRS. BESANT.

A Prohibitory Order.

Madras, 1st November.—Mrs. Besant has received the following orders: Whereas the Local Government has received information that Mrs. Annie Besant is likely to visit the Central Provinces and whereas the Local Government has reasonable grounds for believing that the said Mrs. Annie Besant has acted or is about to act in a manner prejudicial to public safety:

Now therefore the Local Government orders under Rule 3 of the Defence of India (Consolidation) Rules, 1915, published under Notification No. 881, of the Government of India Legislative Department, dated 8th December 1915, that the said Mrs. Annie Besant shall not enter, reside, or remain in the Central Provinces.

By order of the Local Government of the Central Provinces, dated Pachmarhi, the 29th October, 1916.

Whereas the Chief Commissioner of the Central Provinces has received information that Mrs. Annie Besant is likely to visit Berar and whereas the Chief Commissioner has reasonable grounds for believing that the said Mrs. Annie Besant has acted, or is about to act in a manner prejudicial to the public safety—

Now therefore the Chief Commissioner orders under Rule 3 of the rules issued under the notification of the Government of India in the Home Department No. 1198 Political, dated 2nd April, 1915, as applied to Berar, by notification of the Government of India (Foreign and Political Department) No. 1097-16, dated 8th June, 1915, that the said Mrs. Annie Besant shall not enter, reside or remain in Berar.

By order of the Chief Commissioner of the Central Provinces, dated Pachmarhi, the 29th October, 1916.

## "IRON RATIONS."

A British Despatch Rider's Story.

A British motor despatch rider in France was worried by a German aeroplane. The aeroplane showed an interest in his movements which was suggestive of unpleasant developments.

The despatch rider adopted new tactics. He "pulled up and wandered about as though I had lost my way, and then took a cut in a wrong direction across a rough field, as though I had lost my way. The plane was apparently satisfied, and it headed away and disappeared in the direction of the German lines."

The writer proceeds to give interesting particulars of the mysterious field into which he had wandered.

There was an overturned wagon on my left with its wheels in the air, and a destroyed dug-out. A heavy shell had evidently got the dug-out and its inmates and had tossed the wagon in the air. Although so near the front line, it was a desolate scene—a couple of poles, one broken, with the torn top hanging half attached, a string stretched between from which a tattered shirt still fluttered forlornly, a little heap of dead a short way off, empty cans everywhere, and apparently no life for miles. I was startled therefore by a pleasant voice coming from under the wagon wheels.

"Has that German gone, sergeant?"

I could see no one, but answered automatically, "Yes, sir, he has flown north-east, and it is now out of sight."

A smiling N.C.O. then appeared from a heap of refuse. "We are just sending Fritz his iron rations," he said. "You had better dismount or there will be a circus."

Realising a hidden battery. I slipped off, and the next moment the broken wagon seemed to burst in a roar of thunder and flame, and a huge shell from a 9.2 went screaming skyward. I was hardly composed after the concussion when another gun burst in thunder, another, and yet another—in all, four 9.2 howitzers, and so cleverly concealed that they wanted a lot of finding from the ground.

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| SHANGHAI and Kobe                                                                 | Penang Maru<br>Capt. Kushiaki T. 10,000                                           | THURSDAY,<br>23rd Nov.                                      |
| SHANGHAI, Kobe and Yokohama                                                       | Tosa Maru<br>Capt. O. Sakamoto T. 10,000                                          | THURS. 23rd<br>Nov. at noon.                                |
| NAGASAKI, Kobe and Yokohama                                                       | Nikko Maru<br>Capt. R. Takeda T. 9,600                                            | MON. 11th<br>Dec. at 10 a.m.                                |
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| MANILA, OBU & ILOILO  | Taming   | 28th Nov. at 4 p.m.  |
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## COMMERCIAL NEWS.

## U. S. Gold Movement.

From August 1, 1913, to July 31, 1916, the net gold movement into the United States, which is obtained by deducting total exports of gold from total imports of gold during the period, was \$445,690,783. This is considerably less than the figures in excess of \$600,000,000 ordinarily quoted, which date from December, 1914, when the big movement of gold commenced. But, inasmuch as there had been a heavy efflux of gold during the latter part of 1913, and through most of 1914, amounting to \$74,983,122 for the 12 months from August 1, 1913, to July 31, 1914, the accretion to stocks by imports and exports and exports is represented by the smaller figure. Consequently, during the last three years ended July 31, 1916, the net inward movement of gold totalled \$445,690,783 against excess merchandise exports over imports of \$3,841,580,792. Barely 11 per cent. of the merchandise balance of trade was met by a corresponding favourable balance of gold.

## Chinese Cotton.

The weekly cotton market report of Messrs. J. Spunt Co. Co., dated November 16, states: "In so far as price changes are concerned, the market during the past week has been rather inactive and only a small business is reported from three to five mace lower; at the close however the market has firmed up, sellers being rather conspicuous by their absence. The arrivals of cotton have diminished considerably, and while last week they were in the neighbourhood of over 5,000 to 6,000 bales, those of the current week have averaged only 1,500 to 2,000 bales per day. In the circumstances, therefore, it would seem for the present as if the chances are rather against the market; however, should there be any decline in silver, sharp fluctuations are bound to take place and purchases on weak markets will prove profitable in the long run. Tone of the market: firm.

## Demand for Tallow.

There is a considerable demand for tallow in Japan, her requirements being met chiefly by imports from Australia, Hawaii, and China, the first-named country being an especially important supplier. Last year the Australian Government prohibited exports of tallow except in cases where it is certified that no such export will on any account be used for war purposes by countries other than the Allies and Japan. It has since become very difficult to get imports into Japan, while her demand has been on the increase. According to a telegram received by the *Kanematsu Shoten*, of Kobe, quoted by the *Osaka Mainichi*, it is reported that the Australian embargo has become absolute, admitting of the favoured exceptions. The *Osaka* paper learns that the Japanese merchants concerned will start a movement to get the situation remedied through the usual channel. The inferior quality of Japanese goods.

Mr. Nakabejri, Japanese Minister for Agriculture and Commerce, in the course of an address at the gubernatorial conference on the perennial subject of the inferior quality of Japanese goods, said: "What is most important in the development of foreign trade is the securing of a good reputation for Japanese goods. It is a notorious fact that Japan's foreign trade has long been suffering from the inferior quality of goods made for export, and although successive Governments have done much to remedy this shortcoming, complaints are as frequent as ever. The promotion of commercial morality among Japanese merchants is of course necessary to improve the existing state of affairs, but at the same time an organised effort should be made to effect this improvement. Japanese merchants are liable to be led into exporting goods of inferior quality for the sake of the immediate profit which offers, forgetting that the country's trade will thereby be adversely affected. If the trade guilds concerned can be aroused to a proper sense of the situation, and goods for export subjected to careful inspection before shipment, the existing complaints against Japanese articles will gradually cease."

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It is impossible to give anything like a detailed catalogue of all the good things which the latest Tuck's collection comprises. But it may be said that there are in it upwards of 3,000 delightful designs in cards, contributed to by favourite artists and writers, whose ranks have been further strengthened by a highly promising throng of newcomers. In this section, premier place must be given to the Royal Christmas cards, which the firm has had the honour of preparing for their Majesties the King and Queen, Queen Alexandra and His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, an honour which it has enjoyed annually in unbroken succession from the days of Queen Victoria. These are magnificent works of art and are produced in varying styles and sizes, being direct from the originals. For the third year in succession the delicately perfumed series of "Pot-Pouri" cards which the ladies claim especially their own, lead the van in an entirely new arrangement of designs. The silk woven "Broderie d'Art," the hand-painted celluloid and the artistic "Water Colour" series, add their new notes to what have undoubtedly proven the most popular styles in Christmas cards all the world over. The "Patriotic Cards" naturally have a complete action to themselves. The "Arabesque," the "Aquarelle," the "Tapestry," the "Japonais," the "Century," the "Musical Notes," and the "Goodwill" series, among many others, will appeal to a wide circle. Then there is a wonderful variety of boxed cards, postcards, auto stationery, etchings, engravings, photographs, colour facsimiles, calendars, etc., all with their distinctive features making a wide appeal to every taste and to all pockets.

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It cannot be stated too often that India is the most populous unit of the Empire. There are no less than 125,000,000 men in British India alone. The States ruled by Indians, comprised in the British Protectorate, contain another 45,000,000 men.

To innumerate that out of a total of 170,000,000 men, 1,000,000, or even half a million, men capable of being thrown against the enemy cannot be found, is a malicious libel. A mistaken concept of policy might, at one time, have led to the fighting capacity of India being minimised. Necessity for the adoption of such tactics, if it ever existed at all, cannot continue to exist after the glad sacrifice that India has offered on the altar of the Empire since the autumn of 1914.

Supply of Officers. The military authorities in British India divide the Indian population into martial and non-martial classes. Such division is arbitrary, and highly unjust to persons condemned as unfit from the military point of view. But, adopting the standard set by the Government of India, for the sake of argument, it may be pointed out that the clans and castes recognised as martial number many scores, and comprise millions of men of fighting age. Sir Michael O'Dwyer, the Lieutenant Governor of the Punjab, recently stated that these martial races have responded to the call of duty with great alacrity and enthusiasm. He said that 39,000 Panjabi Mussulmans, 28,000 Gurkhas, and 27,000 Sikhs, not to speak of others, had flocked to the Colours since the war began. He laid emphasis upon the point that the Government of India had experienced no difficulty in obtaining recruits that outnumbered the strength of the Indian Army as it stood before the commencement of hostilities.

Why should the process stop there? Not for lack of men, or on account of their unwillingness. No one, in authority or otherwise, has suggested or could suggest that.

The difficulty is said to lie in obtaining officers for new units. It is urged that Britons conversant with Indian vernaculars are not available.

Commissions for Indians. The course to follow is quite plain. Let Indians have commissions. They have shown, in this war and in previous campaigns, great capacity as leaders of men, whenever the death of British officers gave them the opportunity to act for themselves.

Such a concession would not only help to solve a pressing problem, but would also be a question that has been pending so long that any but the patient Indian people would have

## RUSSIA'S KLONDIKE.

## Our Ships and Sailors at Archangel.

Mr. Stephen Graham, in an article in the *Times*, writes enthusiastically of Archangel, the Russian Klondike, as it has been called. Go into the chief restaurants of Archangel, he says, and as like as not all customers are English captains, and they are reading Lack numbers of the *Daily Mail* and talking "ship." At the Cafe Paris there is a "skippers' table," where they are also captains all and the waitresses quarrel as to who shall serve there, though some of them know two words of English. In the Alexandrovsky Gardens the English sailors have found Russian girls, and their only language is that of looks. Sailors tell wonderful stories of feminine conquest, and it is evident the Russian girls are partial to them.

Even at the theatre, in front of you are sitting such unlikely persons as a fireman and a stoker, and one says to the other with disgust, "I can't understand a blooming word. Can you?" Some Englishmen have exercise books with Russian words and phrases laboriously copied out—an impossible language!

All is going well in Archangel. The Russians, in spite of their inexperience, are handling the immense quantities of materials well, and the "stuff" is steadily proceeding to the places where it is most needed. New quays have been built and loops of railway run along them, and some ships, carrying nothing weighing less than three tons, yet discharge all their immense articles of cargo in considerably less time than it took to put them on at Liverpool or Dundee or Newcastle, as the case may be.

The Russians earn unheard of wages in the docks, and the remount attracts thousands of workers from all parts of Russia. All Russians who go there are pleased with it. The port in its present grandeur is a sort of promise for Russia, and it flatters her commercial future.

Lord I. Linton's half-statements in Parliament just before the last recess revealed that the question was likely to be settled before long—and favourably. He said that certain provisions were included in the Government of India Amendment Bill in order to enable the Viceroy and Governor-General to give commissions to persons who owed allegiance to the Rajahs in alliance with his Majesty the King-Emperor. He argued that the Indian Army is recruited from their territories as well as from British India, and that if commissions are to be given to Indians, those in the Indian States and the trans-frontier districts should receive them as well as British Indian subjects.

Non-Military Indians. While this question is being considered, it is satisfactory to note that the two small departures in enlisting "non-military" Indians are proving successful. Lord Chelmsford recently stated that both officers and men of the Indian Christians who were enrolled about a year ago have won the approbation of the authorities. The Bengali "Bhadralog" (gentlemen) are enthusiastically coming forward to enlist in the double company that was recently sanctioned, and are expressing their desire to serve without pay. Here is an index to the willingness of India's man power.

The declaration made by the Hon. D. E. Wagh at the last session of the Indian National Congress, that the millions in India were ready to serve the King-Emperor, may well be recalled as echoing the desire of "civilized Indians." Other times have demonstrated their fervour in no less plain terms. Be they Rajahs or commoners, Indians stand ready to obey the call of duty, as they did twenty-six centuries ago, when the war broke out.

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